Discussion with Planning Commission

102. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any discussions between his Ministry and the Planning Commission were held recently on various issues concerning his Ministry apart from the issue of under-capitalisation of AI and IA;

(b) if so, the details of discussions, held with the Planning Commission; and

(c) what is the outcome of the discussions so held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) A meeting between the Planning Commission and Ministry of Civil Aviation was held on 11.1.2005 to discuss the Annual Plan (2005-06) proposals in respect of civil aviation sector. Based on the discussions held in this meeting, the Annual Plan (2005-06) outlay in respect of civil aviation sector was fixed at Rs. 2379.32 crores. Discussions are also being held with Planning Commission in connection with finalisation of transaction documents for restructuring of Delhi and Mumbai Airports as regarding funding of some airport development projects under Japanese assistance.

Complaints on acquisition of Aircrafts

103. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from certain MPs regarding acquisition of fleet of aircrafts by Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. In the letter it was alleged that Airbus Industries had offered aircraft to some other Airlines at a price lower than what being offered to Indian Airlines. The Government is ascertaining the facts of the matters.

Scam in development of private security personnel at IGIA, Delhi

104. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI has recently unearthed a scam in development of private security personnel at Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details of the investigation; and

(c) the names of the officials found involved in the scam and the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has registered a case against some officers of Airprots Authority of India *viz.*, Shri R.P. Kaim, the then General Manager (Cargo), Capt. R.K. Malik (Retd), Deputy General Manager (Security) and Capt. Sudhir Malik, Assistant General Manager (Security) and three private persons in the matter of deployment of less number of private security personnel while obtaining payment for more number at the Cargo Terminal at Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport, New Delhi. The case is under investigation by CBI.

Regularisation of ground staff in IA

105. SHRI BALAVANT *alias* BAL APTE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff employed in Indian Airlines have not been regularised even after four years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the promotion of various categories of ground staff employees is also pending for a long time; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Indian Airlines has its permanent ground staff who are regular employees of the company. There is, therefore, no question of regularisation of the service of such employees.